OZONE ADVANCE

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What is Ozone Advance?



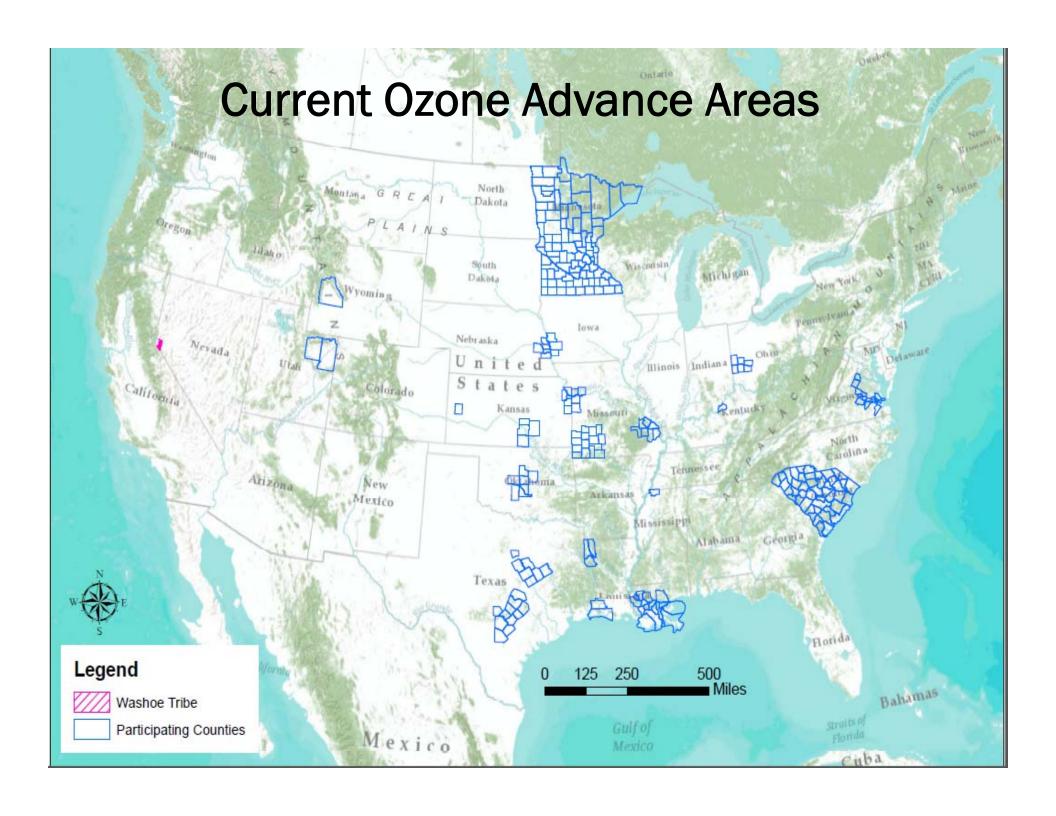
Ozone Advance is a collaborative effort by EPA, states, tribes, and local governments to encourage emission reductions in ozone <u>attainment</u> areas, to help them continue to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

Program Goals:

- (1) Help attainment areas to ensure continued health protection
- (2) Better position areas to remain in attainment
- (3) Efficiently direct available resources toward actions to address ozone problems quickly

Why Should Attainment Areas Work to Reduce Ozone?

- > Ensure continued health protection
- > Proactive
 - Could better position some areas to stay in attainment
 - If eventually designated nonattainment, could either (1) provide needed reductions that could result in a lower classification and/or (2) feed into a future SIP
- Multi-pollutant co-benefits
- Less resource intensive to implement measures early



Who is Participating?

KS City of Wichita

KY Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District

LA Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning & Development Commission; Capital Region

Planning Commission; Baton Rouge Clean Air Coalition; New Orleans Regional

Planning Commission; Cities of Shreveport and Bossier City; Caddo Parish

Commission; Bossier and DeSoto Parish Police Juries

MN Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

MO/KS Mid-America Regional Council Air Quality Forum

MO Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission;

City of Springfield; Ozarks Transportation Organization; Ozarks Clean Air Alliance

MS Mississippi Dept. of Environmental Quality; DeSoto County

NE/IA City of Omaha Public Works, Air Quality Control; Douglas County Health Dept.;

Omaha Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

OH Regional Air Pollution Control Agency

OK Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality

SC South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control

TX Hood County Clean Air Coalition; Central Texas Clean Air Coalition; Alamo Area

Council of Governments, Air Improvement Resources Committee; Heart of Texas

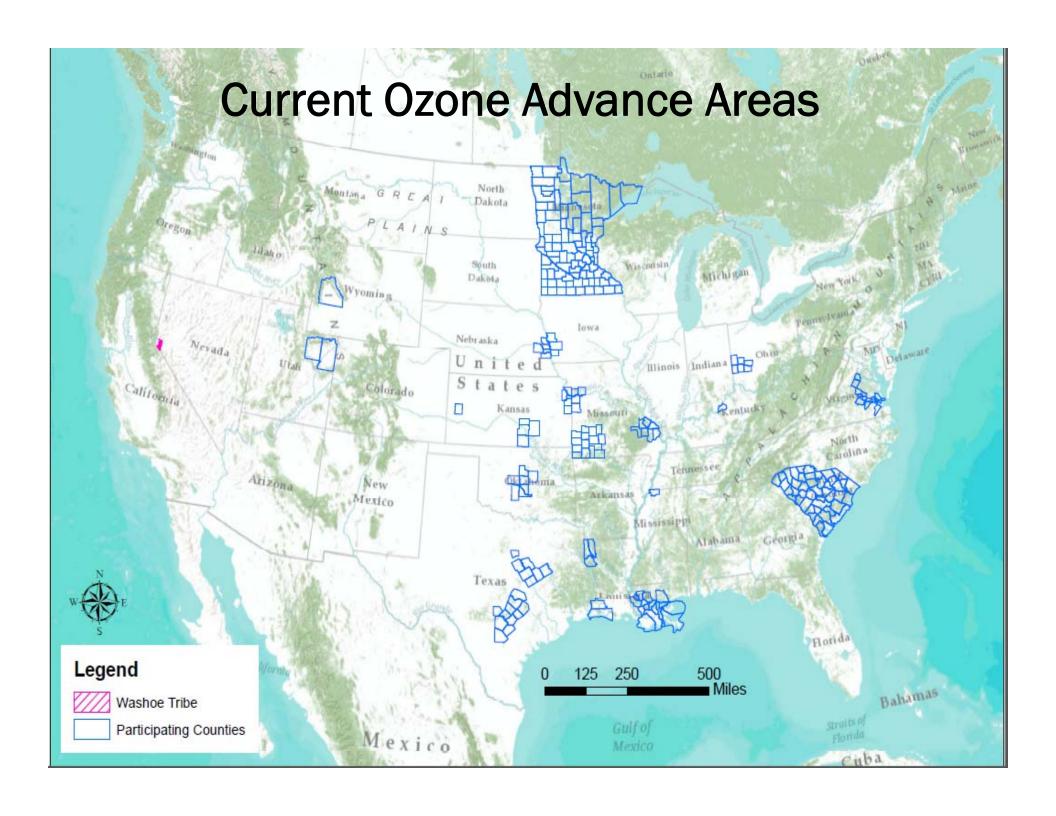
Council of Governments

UT State of Utah

VA Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality

WY Wyoming Dept. of Environmental Quality

Washoe Tribe of NV/CA Environmental Protection Dept.



What Does Participation Entail?

- Use best efforts to move quickly toward implementing steps that may reduce ozone levels and increase public awareness
- Develop a "path forward" within a year of sign up (the sooner the better!)
- Implement path forward measures/programs as soon as possible
- Informal status check-ins at least annually

How Might an Area Benefit from Participating?

- Could improve cushion against nonattainment or achieve reductions that could feed into an eventual SIP
- EPA assistance
- Rallying point for public/stakeholder awareness and involvement
- Multipollutant emphasis could lead to AQMP?
- Possible recognition
- DERA grant preference (spring 2012 competition)
- Opportunity to highlight measures/programs already underway along with those undertaken as part of Program
- Stakeholder group formation, engagement

Where Can You Get More Information?



www.epa.gov/ozoneadvance

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